

Please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 70-90 and 93-95 without prejudice, and accept amended claims 91, 92, 96 and 97 as follows:

1.- 90. (canceled)

91. (currently amended) ~~The liquid crystal display device of claim 80, wherein A~~
liquid crystal display device, comprising:

a first substrate;

a common electrode formed over the first substrate;

a second substrate disposed opposite the first substrate;

a plurality of pixel electrodes formed over the second substrate;

a common voltage applying member that applies a common voltage to the
common electrode and that maintains a cell gap between the first substrate and the
second substrate, the common voltage-applying member comprising an insulator and a
conductor formed over the insulator;

a color filter formed over the second substrate; and

a black matrix formed over the first substrate, wherein:

the common voltage applying member is disposed between a first
peripheral area of the first substrate and a second peripheral area of the second
substrate, the first and second peripheral areas being outside display areas of

the first and second substrates,

the conductor is insulated from the pixel electrodes,

the plurality of pixel electrodes are formed of the same material as the conductor,

the color filter is formed of the same material as the insulator,

the black matrix is formed over the common electrode, and

the conductor contacts the common electrode through an opening in the black matrix.

92. (currently amended) ~~The liquid crystal display device of claim 83, wherein A~~
liquid crystal display device, comprising:

a first substrate;

a common electrode formed over the first substrate;

a second substrate disposed opposite the first substrate;

a plurality of pixel electrodes formed over the second substrate;

a common voltage applying member that applies a common voltage to the common electrode and that maintains a cell gap between the first substrate and the second substrate, the common voltage-applying member comprising an insulator and a conductor formed over the insulator; and

a color filter formed over the second substrate, wherein:

the common voltage applying member is disposed between a first peripheral area of the first substrate and a second peripheral area of the second

substrate, the first and second peripheral areas being outside display areas of the first and second substrates,

the conductor is insulated from the pixel electrodes,

the plurality of pixel electrodes are formed of the same material as the conductor,

the color filter is formed of the same material as the insulator, and a
concavo-convex portion of the conductor is in contact with a corresponding
concavo-convex portion of the common electrode.

93. – 95. (canceled)

96. (currently amended) ~~The liquid crystal display device of claim 94, further comprising~~ A liquid crystal display device, comprising:

a first substrate;

a common electrode formed on the first substrate;

a second substrate disposed opposite the first substrate;

a plurality of pixel electrodes formed over the second substrate;

a common voltage applying member that applies a common voltage to the common electrode and that maintains a cell gap between the first substrate and the second substrate, the common voltage-applying member comprising an insulator and a conductor formed over the insulator; and

a black matrix formed on the common electrode, wherein:

part of the conductor is sandwiched between the insulator and the common electrode,

the common voltage applying member is disposed outside display areas of the first and second substrates,

the conductor is insulated from the pixel electrodes, and

the conductor contacts the common electrode through an opening in the black matrix.

97. (currently amended) The liquid crystal display device of claim 94, wherein A liquid crystal display device, comprising:

a first substrate;

a common electrode formed on the first substrate;

a second substrate disposed opposite the first substrate;

a plurality of pixel electrodes formed over the second substrate; and

a common voltage applying member that applies a common voltage to the common electrode and that maintains a cell gap between the first substrate and the second substrate, the common voltage-applying member comprising an insulator and a conductor formed over the insulator, wherein:

part of the conductor is sandwiched between the insulator and the common electrode,

the common voltage applying member is disposed outside display areas of the first and second substrates,

the conductor is insulated from the pixel electrodes, and

a concavo-convex portion of the conductor is in contact with a corresponding concavo-convex portion of the common electrode.

98. (previously presented) A liquid crystal display device, comprising:

a first substrate;

a common electrode formed on the first substrate;

a second substrate disposed opposite the first substrate;

a common voltage applying member that applies a common voltage to the common electrode and that maintains a cell gap between the first substrate and the second substrate, the common voltage-applying member comprising an insulator and a conductor formed over the insulator, wherein part of the conductor is sandwiched between the insulator and the common electrode; and

a black matrix formed on the common electrode, wherein the conductor contacts the common electrode through an opening in the black matrix.